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ADAMSVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN FEDERAL PRISON

BIRMINGHAM, AL - Hayzen Turner, Jr., 46, was sentenced to life in prison on December 18, 2007, after pleading guilty to federal firearms violations and offenses relating to the trafficking of powder cocaine, "crack" cocaine, and marijuana. A multi-count indictment was filed in April 2007.

In the fall of 2006, Special Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm and Explosives, and Drug Enforcement Agency along with officers from the Birmingham Police Department established Turner, who owned and operated Turner Auto located in Birmingham, as a major source of supply for powder cocaine, "crack", and marijuana. Yesterday, in U.S. District Court, Judge Virginia E. Hopkins imposed a life sentence to Turner.

"After having been convicted of three prior drug felonies, and a litany of other charges, the sentence imposed will permanently remove Turner from the streets of Birmingham and decisively end his career of crime," stated U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin.

The factual basis of the plea agreement stated that Turner utilized both his business and his personal residence as bases of operation for his illegal sale of narcotics.

Assistant United States Attorney Gregory R. Dimler prosecuted this matter on behalf of the U.S. Government.